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MOTOKI KATO ) Examiner: ANAND RAO  
Application No. 08/634,122 )  
Filed: April 19, 1996 )  
For: APPARATUS FOR ENCODING )  
AND DECODING HEADER DATA )  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 1996,  
please enter the following Remarks:

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-14 are pending in this application.

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kato (U.S. Patent No. 5,543,847) for the reasons set forth in the Office Action mailed November 15, 1996.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed. 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as quoted by the Examiner in the Office Action provides that:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --  
(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c)

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